City of La Cañada Flintridge City Council Minutes Regular Meeting



Monday, May 7, 2007 City Council Chambers 1327 Foothill Boulevard La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spence called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregory C. Brown, Laura Olhasso, Donald R. Voss, Mayor Pro Tem Stephen A. Del Guercio and Mayor David A. Spence.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney Steres, City Treasurer Wang, Director of Public Works Hitti, City Engineer Kwan, Senior Planner Buss, Administrative Services Director Chun, Public Safety Coordinator Stegner, Management Analyst Wilson and Interim City Clerk deLlamas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Ken Tanaka.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Spence invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on other than Agenda items.

Mary Barrie, resident, offered positive comments about the City's recently expanded code enforcement program.

No one else wished to be heard and the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations

Mayor Spence read and presented a Proclamation recognizing May 7 - 11, 2007 as "Education Awareness Week" in the City to Janna Gosselin, President of the La Canada Flintridge Educational Foundation.

A Proclamation recognizing May 1 - June 14, 2007 as "National Military Appreciation Month" was read by Mayor Spence. Dr. Ken Tanaka, Lt. Colonel USAF Retired, accepted it for display at City Hall.

A Proclamation recognizing May 2007 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (ALS) Awareness Month was read by Mayor Spence for subsequent forwarding to the Agency.

Mayor Spence read and presented a Proclamation recognizing April 15 - 21, 2007 as "National Library Week" in the City to Susan Hewitt who was present representing the La Cañada Library staff.

Other Presentations

Public Safety Update: Captain Tim Peters presented the monthly update and responded to City Council questions.

Staff Update on City Projects: 1) Senior Planner Buss advised that the Community Visioning Workshop – General Plan Update – is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Descanso Gardens Van De Camp Hall; and 2) Public Works Director Hitti noted the Chevy Chase Sidewalk Project will go out to bid in June with an anticipated start of construction by early August. He elaborated on the landscaping of the Foothill Wall in response to Council questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of the City Manager, Item 5 was removed for discussion. Following discussion, the City Manager was directed to follow up with alternative dates for the budget hearings.

MOTION: Del Guercio/Olhasso to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1 through 4 and 6 through 10. The motion carried with Brown abstaining on Item 1(f).

- **1.** Approved Minutes of the City Council:
 - (a) July 17, 2006 Regular Meeting
 - (b) August 7, 2006 Regular Meeting
 - (c) September 5, 2006 Regular Meeting
 - (d) March 20, 2007 Special Meeting
 - (e) March 31, 2007 Special Meeting
 - (f) April 16, 2007 Regular Meeting (Brown abstained).
- **2.** Approved Warrant Resolution No. 07-08 dated May 7, 2007, for \$1,910,890.05.
- **3.** Received and filed Commission Meeting Agendas:
 - (a) Public Safety Commission Meeting of April 25, 2007.
 - (b) Planning Commission Action Agenda for Meeting of April 24, 2007.
 - (c) Youth Council Agenda for Meeting of May 1, 2007.
- **4.** Denied the Claim of the Estate of Daniel Morales and Claudine Ordookhanian and direct staff to send the standard letter of rejection to the Claimants.

- **5.** Receive and file the Proposed Schedule of Budget Hearing dates for review of the FY 2007-08 Preliminary Budget & Financial Plan.
- **6.** Approved Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 06-03 with Sanders & Associates Geostructural Engineers, Inc. (SAGE) for Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the Inverness Drive Slope and Roadway Restoration Project.
- **7.** Declared the St. Katherine Drive Decorative Street Lamps as surplus property and authorized donation to Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.
- 8. Approved a request for Application Fee Waiver Special Event Permit for the annual Apple Blossom Festival at the Parents & Children's Nursery School on Saturday, May 5, 2007, by finding that the public's welfare interest would be best served by doing so.
- **9.** Waived further reading and adopted Resolution No. 07-12 to participate in the Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) Grant Program and authorizing Staff to submit the application and execute the necessary documents.
- **10.** Waived further reading and adopted Resolution No. 07-13 opposing Senate Bill 964 (Romero).

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

Mayor Spence indicated Item Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14 were adopted at the April 16, 2007 meeting. Due to publication problems, however, these items appear on tonight's Agenda for re-adoption.

Councilmember Brown stated his intent to abstain from voting on Item Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14, due to his absence from the previous meeting.

Additionally, Mayor Spence advised that the City Clerk's Office received a faxed letter from resident Jim Short today indicating his opposition to Item No. 11, Ordinance Nos. 362 and 363.

11. ORDINANCE NOS. 362 AND 363 establishing Sewer Service Fees (SSFs) for Sewer Assessment district No. 04-1, Project Area 3A.

Councilmember Olhasso noted her home is within the subject area and exited the Council Chambers.

The Chair read the title of the foregoing items. City Manager Alexander commented about the publication error and advised that the hearing on the above items was conducted at a previous meeting.

Mayor Spence invited comments from the audience and there was no response.

The City Attorney acknowledged receipt of Mr. Short's letter of opposition.

City Attorney Steres then presented Ordinance Nos. 362 and 363 for second reading and re-adoption and read them by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 362

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING SEWER SERVICE FEES FOR SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 04-1 (PROJECT AREA 3A).

ORDINANCE NO. 363

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 9.17 RELATING TO SEWER SERVICE FEES.

MOTION: Del Guercio/Voss to waive further reading and re-adopt Ordinance Nos. 362 and 363. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Voss, Del Guercio and Spence.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Olhasso.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

Councilmember Olhasso returned to the meeting and assumed her chair at the dais.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 364 AND RESOLUTION NO. 07-11 amending The La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code by readopting specified sections of Title 15 of the Los Angeles County Code as The Traffic Code for the City and establishing a Local Bail Schedule.

Mayor Spence read the title to the above matters. The City Manager provided a brief overview of the items, noting they were heard previously and presented this evening for re-adoption.

There was no response to the Chair's invitation for comments from the audience.

City Attorney Steres presented Ordinance No. 364 for second reading and readoption and read it by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 364

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 135 AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 4.04.010 OF THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING TITLE 15 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE BY REFERENCE AND ADDING SECTIONS 4.04.200, 4.04.210 AND 4.04.220 TO THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE RESERVING UNTO ITSELF THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH BY RESOLUTION, A PARKING CITATION BAIL SCHEDULE FOR PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

MOTION: Del Guercio/Olhasso to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 364. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

COUNCILMEMBERS: Olhasso, Voss, Del Guercio and Spence.

NOES:

COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN:

COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

The City Attorney then presented the accompanying Resolution No. 07-11 for second reading and re-adoption and read it by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE ESTABLISHING A PARKING CITATION BAIL SCHEDULE FOR PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

MOTION: Del Guercio/Olhasso to waive further reading and readopt Resolution No. 07-11. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

COUNCILMEMBERS: Olhasso, Voss, Del Guercio and Spence.

NOES:

COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN:

COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 365 approving Zone change 07-01.

The Chair introduced the above item. Senior Planner Buss provided an overview of the zone change request. He noted that the ordinance was introduced subsequent to the public hearing on April 16, 2007.

No one responded when Mayor Spence asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

The City Attorney presented Ordinance No. 365 for second reading and adoption and read it by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 365

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 07-01 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE DOWNTOWN VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION ON 834, 836, 838, 838½, 840, 842, 846, 848, 850, 852, 858 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD AND THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THESE ADDRESSES FROM INSTITUTIONAL TO MIXED USE 1.

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MOTION: Del Guercio/Voss to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 365. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Olhasso, Voss, Del Guercio and Spence.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 366 providing for a Vehicle Impound Fee to be established by Resolution.

Mayor Spence read the title of the Staff Report. City Manager Alexander advised that the ordinance was discussed and introduced for first reading at the meeting of April 16.

The Chair inquired if anyone in the audience wished to be heard and no one responded.

City Attorney Steres presented Ordinance No. 366 for second reading and adoption and read it by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 366

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE ADDING SECTION 4.04.120 TO THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE RESERVING UNTO ITSELF THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH BY RESOLUTION, AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE RELEASE OF VEHICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPERLY IMPOUNDED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

MOTION: Voss/Olhasso to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 366. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Olhasso, Voss, Del Guercio and Spence.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Councilmembers' Reports:

Meetings attended at the expense of the local agency: None.

Regional and Local Representation:

1) Councilmember Olhasso inquired and Senior Planner Buss responded regarding the current Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) figures; 2) Mayor Spence reported on the JPL Groundbreaking Ceremony for its new Flight Project Center; and 3) Councilmember Olhasso spoke about the Paradise Valley Homeowners' Association meeting both she and Mayor Spence attended.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

1) Councilmember Olhasso requested an update on Sewer District 3 at the next meeting; 2) Mayor Spence asked for an update on the La Cañada Boulevard design at the next meeting; and 3) Mayor Pro Tem Del Guercio inquired about the Sound Wall Study and was advised that it would be on the May 21, 2007 Agenda.

Councilmembers' Comments: Councilmember Brown commented on the need to disseminate information about preparation for a pandemic flu and there was a consensus of the Council that it could be combined with other emergency preparedness informational efforts.

City Manager and/or staff comments: 1) The City Manager reminded everyone of the General Plan Community Meeting as announced earlier; and 2) Senior Planner Buss offered comments on Thursday's visit of a Chinese delegation to the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 8:20 p.m.

Caroline deLlamas, CMC, Interim City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on May 21, 2007.